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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS ON BEGINNING OF SADAT'S U.S. VISIT

- 1. ISRAELI NEWSPAPERS APRIL 4 SPOTLIGHTED EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL IN THE U.S., WHERE HE REPORTEDLY WILL SEEK ECONOMIC AND MILITARY SUPPORT, ALTHOUGH NO FIRM AMERICAN REPLY ON THE LATTER REQUEST IS EXPECTED.
- 2.CITING ARAB SOURCES, YEDIOT AHARONOT'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT (KIVITY) WORTE THAT SADAT WILL PRESS THE AMERICAN LEADERS ON PALESTINIAN ISSUES.IN JERUSALEM, ACCORDING TO YEDIOT'S ZIMUKI,THERE IS SOME CONCERN THAT SADAT MAY TRY TO EXPLOIT VANCE'S "FAILURE" IN MOSCOW BY PUSHING FOR MOVEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
- 3. THE JERUSALEM POST (BLITZER) EMPHASIZED THAT SADAT WILL SEEK TO ESTABLISH WARM PERSONAL TIES WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. IF HE IS SUCCESSFUL, SAID UNCLASSIFIED

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BLITZER, ISRAEL CULD FIND ITSELF ON THE DEFENSIVE. THE POST ALSO REPEATED PIECES OF A NEW YORK TIMES STORY THAT THE U.S. AND EGYPT HAVE COMPLETED NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE ALE OF UP TO TWO HUNDRED -5 FIGHTER PLANES.

4. HAARETZ'S MARGALIT WEDGES INTO A LENGTHY

ARTICLE ON THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S ACTIVITIES VIS-A-VIS THE MIDDLE EAST HIS VIEW THAT "A DIFFICULT WELCOME" ALSO AWAITS SADAT IN WASHINGTON. UST AS PRESIDENT CARTER TALKED TO RABIN ON "THE PALESTINIANS" AND ON "THE BORDER ISSUES," HE WILL RAISE "THE NATUR OF PEACE" WITH SADAT.

5.ON U.S.- EGYPTIAN ARMS RELATIONSHIP, ISRAEL TV QUOTED YADIN APRIL 3 AS DEMANDING THAT THE CABINET TELL ISRAELIS THE TRUTH ABOUT EGYPT'S NEW MILITARY CAPABILITY FOLLOWING "A MASSIVE INFUSION OF AMERICAN ARMS." (SIC) (COMMENT: YADIN'S CAMPAIGN SHOT HAS THUS FAR DRAWN NO RETURN FIRE FROMGOVERNMENT QUARTERS.)

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